

Jean Baptiste Roy House  
615-17 South Second St.  
St. Louis, Mo.

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1532 Arcade Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

JEAN BAPTISTE ROY HOUSE

615-617 South Second St., St. Louis, Missouri.

Present owner: Dorothy K. Schroeder et al.

Present occupant and use: Rooming house.

Description (present condition)

Wall construction: Stone, brick wing at rear.

Size and form: 36 feet on street x 42 feet deep.

Number stories: Two and one-half, and cellar.

Front porch: None. Rear porch: Replaced with brick wing.

Exterior openings, windows: Double hung, block trim at interior.

" " , doors: Double French doors at front, glazed.

Cornice: Wood.

Roof: Gabled roof, composition roll roofing over old shingles.

Chimneys: Double, stone, at gable ends.

Interior

Floors: Pine.

Doors: Six panel.

Trim: Mitered, panel jambs.

Mantels: Adamesque.

Stairways: Outside originally.

Plasterwork: No special.

Additions and alterations: Two-story brick wing added at rear.

Front entrances made wider affording two pair double doors.

Outbuildings: None.

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Year of erection: There was no mention of a stone house on the property when J. B. Roy acquired it in 1823. The first mention of a stone house is in a mortgage by Roy to Henry Shaw dated August 2, 1832. Tax assessment on the property doubled in 1829. It seems reasonable to suppose that 1829 probably is the date when the stone house was built.

Built for (first owner): Jean Baptiste Roy.

Architect or designer: Unknown.

Built by: Unknown.

Original intended use: As recorded in a deed of trust July 3, 1843 it was "the stone house....containing two tenements."

Notable events and occupants:

The parcel of land on which this house was built was part of an "original grant by St. Ange to Jean Ortez (Ortes) and Jean Cambas on July 10, 1767." The following February, Ortes conveyed the southeast quarter of the block to Francois Cotin and built a house "twenty-two feet long by eighteen feet wide of posts in the ground." Since that original palisaded structure was built, extensive improvements had been made while the property was conveyed in rapid succession from Francois Liberge (Liberch) to Simon Cousot (Coussot) 1779, then to Joseph Chartrand 1784. "The lot with the house of posts was sold by Cousot to Gabriel Gaillot alias Lachance on April 20, 1790", and from him to Antoine Flandrin on April 2, 1796. Flandrin sold the property to Noel Montgrain who lost it by Sheriff's sale to Pierre Chouteau, Jr., August 26, 1823.\*

A manufacturer of sausage occupied the place at one time and probably was responsible for the enlargement of the front doors to two pair of double doors as at present.\*\*

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\* "Identification of the Jean Baptiste Roy House," a typescript by G. Viator Davis, in the service of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 1939.

\*\* From Gould's City Directory -  
1870 1871 1872 William Tamme, 615 S. Second St.  
Western Sausage Manufactory.

1873 John Boepple, Butcher  
1904 Widow John Boepple  
1905 Christine Boepple, Butcher

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PROJECT NO. 13 <sup>Mo-</sup> ROY HOUSE

"Old Stone House"

This old stone residence was erected (approximately) in the year 1830. The original owner was John Baptiste Roy.

In the year 1860 John Boepple, a famous sausage maker, occupied the house. The house is still in the possession of the Boepple Estate.

The building is now used as a furniture warehouse.

This is a two story, original large gray stone house. Fine example of architecture.

Information received from McCune Gill and Jefferson Memorial Historical Library.

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